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We are indebted to Dr. Abbott for a thorough reinvestigation of all the problems which surround these epistles, and welcome his confirmation of the conservative views of the epistles which are now again becoming established. C. W. V.

The Early Life of Our Lord. By J. BROUGH, Chaplain to the Forces. New York: E. T. Dutton & Co., 1897. Pp. 7+261. \$1.75.

The writer of this volume has done students of the New Testament no inconsiderable service. We have had books in some number dealing with the same matter, like that of Stapfer, *Jesus Christ before his Ministry*, to say nothing of homiletical books handling the same subject. None of these, however, has been quite so serviceable as the present. Of course, all books treating of the early life of Jesus are exposed to the danger of reading into his life customs and events from earlier or later times, and the present author has not altogether escaped criticism on this score, but on the whole the volume is well done. The writer's knowledge of Jewish customs is considerable, and he has fallen neither into the error of thinking that the course of the life of Jesus was altogether conventional, nor into that of assuming that it was altogether miraculous. We commend this book to those who wish a knowledge of the probable life of Jesus during his boyhood.

S. M.

Einführung in das Griechische Neue Testament. VON EBERHARD NESTLE. Mit 8 Handschriften-Tafeln. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht. Pp. 129, 8vo. M. 3.40.

Professor Nestle's little book, which professes to be a guide (*Einführung*) rather than an introduction (*Einleitung*), relates only to textual criticism. It consists of three chapters: (1) "The History of the Printed Text of the Greek Testament;" (2) "The Materials of New Testament Criticism:" (*a*) manuscripts, (*b*) versions, (*c*) citations; (3) "The Theory and Practice of New Testament Criticism." An appendix is added containing bibliographical hints and a few additional remarks.

The execution, as need hardly be said, is excellent. A very large amount of accurately stated information has been compressed into a small space without any noticeable loss of clearness or interest. Only those who have tried to condense matter of this kind can fully appre-

ciate the care and skill which have been expended on the production of a work so small yet so comprehensive.

The writer's position as a textual critic can be indicated in a few words. The correspondence of **N** and B, he maintains, proves nothing. Many readings of D which have been hitherto neglected by the majority of editors preserve the original text.

On the question concerning the language habitually used by our Lord, Professor Nestle substantially agrees with Zahn. "What tongue was spoken by Jesus himself? Probably Aramaic with Galilean coloring." He adds that Jesus was certainly acquainted with the Hebrew of the Old Testament. The other question—in what language was the first gospel document written—is put aside in one part of the volume as irrelevant, but seems to be answered elsewhere in the manner of Dr. Resch. Traces of an underlying Hebrew original are found in *epiousios* (Matt. 6:11) and the allusion to the rending of the veil of the temple (Matt. 27:51) when set side by side with the statements of Jerome about the readings of the gospel according to the Hebrews.

The writer has been well supported by the printer and publisher. The clear, bold type, the convenient size, the wide margins, and the appropriate binding make the perusal of the book a pleasure as well as an instructive occupation.

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LITERARY NOTES.

E. R. HERRICK & Co. have issued Tennyson's *Crossing the Bar*, with decorations by Miss Blanche McManus—a charming edition (\$0.25).

THE FLEMING H. REVELL CO. has issued an autobiography of Charles H. Spurgeon, compiled by his wife and private secretary from his diary and private letters.

THE June number of the BIBLICAL WORLD will be devoted to the history of Israel from Josiah to Ezra. Articles will be furnished by Professors Batten, Curtis, Paton, Davis, E. T. Harper, and McCurdy. It will be profusely illustrated.

The July number will contain a very important symposium upon "The Kingdom of God," upon the meaning of the term "kingdom of God" as Jesus used it. To it contributions will be made by Professors Peabody, of Harvard; Graham Taylor, of Chicago Commons;